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STILLWAGON ET AL. )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents

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Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-5 by adding the underlined sections and deleting the sections in brackets ([]):

1. (Amended) A latching apparatus comprising:  
a post member defining,  
an elongated axis,  
an elongated, axially [laterally] extending latching surface defined  
by at least one [at an] outer radius from said elongated axis,  
and  
an elongated, axially [laterally] extending releasing surface defined  
by at least one [at an] inner radius from said elongated axis,  
wherein said outer radius is greater than said inner radius;  
a latching assembly defining a passage for receiving said post member and  
including a grip means extending at least partially into said passage for,



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